of snatching involving criminals operating on motorcycles were registered by Delhi Police during the period May, 2009 to November 15, 2009. Delhi Police ensure registration of FIRs as and when any incident of crime is reported and has also initiated several proactive measures to sensitize the public regarding registration of FIRs. The Delhi Police take necessary action whenever any report/complaint regarding non-registration of a case is reported. The steps taken by Delhi Police to check the recurrence of these criminals activities include regular interaction by the beat/Division/Police Station staff with the rehri/patriwalas, security guards/chowkidars/three wheelers/TSR drivers, taxi stands/parking lot attendants/porters etc. to seek greater cooperation under "Eyes and Ears Scheme"; conducting regular checking of suspected persons by erecting mobile and static pickets, intensive motorcycle and foot patrolling near markets and crowded places; sensitization of Resident and Market Welfare Associations about the precaution to be taken to avert such crimes by organizing meetings with them, verification of 374159 Motorcycles started with effect from 18/2/09 by local Police; regular prosecution by Delhi Traffic Police of two-wheeler riders/pillion riders found driving without helmet and indulging in triple riding; etc.

Vacant posts in police causing pressure on central security forces

†2239. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of police posts are lying vacant in the various States of the country which is causing pressure on central security forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the immediate steps being taken by Government to fill the vacant posts in the States and reduce the pressure on central security forces; and

(d) the status of setting up and operationalisation of India Reserve Battalions in the naxal affected States and North-Eastern States in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Vacancy position State-wise as on 01-01-2008 is given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) "Police" is a State subject as per VII Schedule to the Constitution of India. As such the responsibility to fill up the vacancies in police rest with the respective State Governments. The State Governments have been advised from time to time in various forums in the Ministry of fill up the existing vacancies in police forces.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) The Government of India is assisting the State Governments for augmenting and upgrading their police forces to deal with insurgency/militancy. Towards this end, 51 India Reserve Battalions have been sanctioned for North-Eastern States, including Sikkim. These include 9 each for Assam, Tripura and Manipur and 7 for Nagaland and 5 each for Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram, 4 Meghalaya and 03 for Sikkim. Of 51 battalions sanctioned for North Eastern States 41 have been raised.

As regards the 9 naxal affected States, the position of sanction and raising of Indian Reserve Battalions is given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of IR Bns. sanctioned	No. of IR Bns. raised
1.	Andhra Pradesh	08	05
2.	Bihar	03	01
3.	Chhattisgarh	07	04
4.	Jharkhand	05	03
5.	Madhya Pradesh	01	01
6.	Maharashtra	03	01
7.	Orissa	06	05
8.	Uttar Pradesh	02	02
9.	West Bengal	02	02
	TOTAL:	37	24

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Sanctioned and actual police strength and vacancies theirof as on 01.01.2008

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Total Strength of State Police (Civil and Armed)		
		Sanctioned	Actual	Vacancies
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	108,075	88,807	19,268
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	6,018	5,723	295
3.	Assam	62,920	51,499	11,421
4.	Bihar*	74,188	52,075	22,113
5.	Chhattisgarh	42,236	27,369	14,867
6.	Goa	5,055	4,670	385
7.	Gujarat	74,868	72,838	2,030

1	2	3	4	5
8.	Haryana	52,136	49,443	2,693
9.	Himachal Pradesh	14,369	11,845	2,524
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	94,763	58,003	36,760
11.	Jharkhand	54,277	51,828	2,2449
12.	Karnataka	88,679	71,226	17,453
13.	Kerala	43,909	39,137	4,772
14.	Madhya Pradesh	76,826	69,844	6,982
15.	Maharashtra	201,251	151,999	49,252
16.	Manipur	19,064	15,414	3,650
17.	Meghalaya	11,293	9,248	2,045
18.	Mizoram	9,115	8,328	787
19.	Nagaland	33,487	33,487	—
20.	Orissa	47,216	38,492	8,724
21.	Punjab	71,869	67,645	4,224
22.	Rajasthan	72,626	66,020	6,606
23.	Sikkim	3,886	3,604	282
24.	Tamil Nadu	102,421	87,973	14,448
25.	Tripura	25,918	21,159	4,759
26.	Uttar Pradesh	166,152	143,885	22,267
27.	Uttarakhand	21,389	17,443	3,946
28.	West Bengal	88,377	70,370	13,007
29.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2,902	2,647	255
30.	Chandigarh	4,628	4,308	320
31.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	204	179	25
32.	Daman and Diu	246	217	29
33.	Delhi	67,420	79,450	12,030
34.	Lakshadweep	349	295	54
35.	Puducherry	3,083	2,418	665
	ALL INDIA:	1,746,215	1,478,888	267,327

*As on 01.01.2007. Source As per BPR&D Report.